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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE 2 (DEFINITIONS) AND REPEAL OF RULE 3 (STANDARD CONDITIONS)

On June 30, 1999, the Air Pollution Control Board amended District Rule 2 (Definitions), which defines various terms used throughout the District Rules and Regulations. Rule 2 includes a definition of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) regulated by the District as precursor pollutants to the formation of ground level ozone (a major component of smog). The definition includes a list of compounds with negligible photochemical reactivity that are not considered VOCs (exempt compounds).

The primary purpose of the June, 1999 rule amendment was to update the list of exempt compounds for consistency with federal and state regulations, and streamline the rule updating process if additional exempt compounds are identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the future. The amendments include a provision allowing the District to revise the exempt compound list for consistency with federal requirements after publishing a 30-day public notice, consulting with ARB, and considering any comments received. This new procedure will avoid the costly and time-consuming process that would otherwise be required each time the list of exempt compounds changes.

EPA recently determined methyl acetate and a number of halogenated organic compounds have negligible photochemical reactivity and added them to its exempt compounds list. Accordingly, the Rule 2 amendment adds methyl acetate and specified halogenated hydrocarbons to the District's exempt compounds list. Other minor changes in amended Rule 2 include adding new definitions, deleting outdated definitions and providing other clarifications.

In addition, on June 30, 1999 the Board repealed Rule 3. Rule 3 contained only a definition of Standard Conditions which has now been included in Rule 2. Therefore, Rule 3 was no longer needed.

A copy of Rule 2 is available by contacting the District at (619) 694-3307 or visiting the District's web site at www.sdapcd.co.san-diego.ca.us, under Rules and Regulations. For more information, please call the District's Compliance Division at (619) 694-3340.

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